### Rensselaerville Library Board Meeting Minutes: December 21, 2021

<u>Present</u>: Robert Pondiscio (President), Hans Soderquist (Vice-President), Annemarie Martinez (Treasurer), Joe Frisino (Secretary), Tracy Bensen, Judy Crilley, Donna Kropp, Ken Rypkema, Jerry Finin, Paul Ventura, Heidi Carle

(Library Director)

**Excused**: Kostas Anagnopoulos

Absent: N/A

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Due to the continuing Covid-19 pandemic this meeting was held online. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.

No public participation.

## President's Report

Board members still need to submit photos and bios to Heidi. Please submit ASAP.

### **Secretary's Report**

Judy made a motion to accept the November Board meeting minutes. Annemarie seconded. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Annemarie went over the November financials. Overall, the Library's finances are good. We anticipate a surplus in excess of \$8000 going into 2022.

Tracy made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Judy seconded. Motion carried.

## **Finance Committee**

Heidi suggested a motion be made that the Board vote on and approve a resolution requesting that the Greenville School District consider an increase in funding for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. The increase will not exceed the 2% tax cap. Donna made a motion to accept the Resolution. Jerry seconded. Motion carried. (Resolution amended to end of minutes.)

Judith made a motion to accept the Finance Committee report. Hans seconded. Motion carried.

## **Fundraising Committee**

Greenery Sale. We did very well on the greenery sale, more than \$2600 net as of today.

Hans made a motion to accept the Fundraising Committee report. Judith seconded. Motion carried.

## **Building and Grounds Committee**

No report this month.

# **Development Committee**

To date we have received over \$33,000. Thank you to everyone who showed up to help get the annual appeal out.

Jerry made a motion to accept the Development Committee report. Ken seconded. Motion carried.

#### **Strategic Planning Committee**

The likely date for the board member's retreat to discuss the draft strategic plan is Saturday, January 15th.

Hans made a motion to accept the 2022-2025 Strategic Plan. Tracy seconded. Motion carried.

## **Director's Report**

Heidi has been closely monitoring COVID cases in Albany Country. The Library has returned to full operating hours and services. Public spaces are for transactional purposes only with a 30-minute limit. Staff have the option to allow for longer stays based on capacity. Masks and hand sanitizer use are required. Public restrooms are open.

Heidi will host a "Director's Book Chat" at the Library beginning in January 2022. Times and dates still to be determined.

Heidi is still looking for a Youth Service Coordinator.

Tracy made a motion to accept the Director's Report. Judy seconded. Motion carried.

## **Old Business**

None.

## **New Business**

None.

### **Adjourn**

Ken made a motion to adjourn. Annemarie seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.

The next meeting of the Rensselaerville Library Board of Trustees will be on Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Frisino

Greenville Central School District Funding Request Resolution for December 21, 2021 Board Meeting:

#### RESOLUTION

A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Rensselaerville Library, Town of Rensselaerville, County of Albany, State of New York:

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Rensselaerville Library (the "Library") are empowered, pursuant to Education Law §259(1)(a), to submit to the voters of the Greenville Central School District a proposition to provide an annual contribution from the school district to the Library and it has done so in the past, with the voters authorizing a contribution of \$28,758 per year; and

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Library believe that additional funds are necessary to maintain library services for the residents of the school district,

NOW, THEREFORE, at a duly called meeting of the Library's Board of Trustees, on a motion made by Donna Kropp, and seconded by Jerry Finin, it was

RESOLVED, that the Library Board of Trustees approves the following proposition for submission to the voters of the Greenville Central School District:

Shall the Greenville Central School District, Greene and Albany Counties, State of New York, be authorized to levy taxes in the amount of \$28,758 for the annual support of the Rensselaerville Library, Rensselaerville, New York, and pay over such monies to the trustees of the Library for library services for the benefit of residents of the School District during the 2022-2023 fiscal year and each year thereafter until changed?

and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes and directs the Library Director to submit a copy of this resolution to the District Clerk of the school district and request that the question herein be submitted to the voters of the school district at the May 17, 2022, annual school district meeting, in accordance with Education Law §259(1)(a).

Dated: December 21, 2021	/s/
	Joe Frisino, Secretary

Vote: 10 In Favor

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